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| First Named Applicant: MARK SCOULAR | í |
| Filed: November 3, 2000 | í |
| For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING AVAILABLE SERVICES VIA A NETWORK | <u>)</u> |
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 31, 2008, and in order to place this case in condition for immediate allowance or in better form for appeal, applicant hereby requests the entry of the following amendment to the application:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.